

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-24, 29-37, 42-48, 53, 55, 56, 58-66, 71-90, 92-111, 113-138, and 140-173 are pending. Claims 10 and 61 have been amended. Claims 158-173 are new.

B. Objected to Claims

In the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 6, 7, 10-15 and 38-43 were allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 10 has been amended to make claim 10 an independent claim. Claim 158 includes features of objected to claim 7 written in independent form. Amended claims 61, 163 and 168 include features of the objected to claims. Applicant requests entry and allowance of new claims 158-173.

C. Additional Remarks

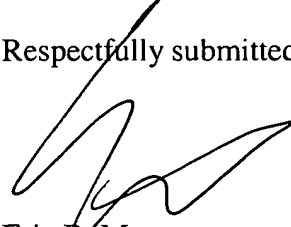
Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

In the "Amendment; Response To Office Action Mailed April 28, 2003", twelve claims, including 3 independent claims, were cancelled. In the "Amendment; Response To Office Action Mailed October 24, 2003", eleven claims were cancelled, and seven claims were added. In this document, sixteen claims are added, including five independent claims. Applicant believes that fees are required to cover the addition of two independent claims.

A fee authorization has been included for two independent claims. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are required, please charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzl, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5053-27800/EBM.

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